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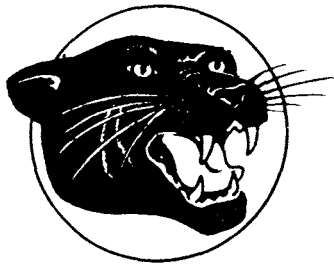
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CHARLESTON, IL--Tom Lindsay (Palos Park-Sandburg), sophomore decathlete/pole vaulter for Eastern Illinois University's track team, was the Panthers 11th leading scorer with 25 points.

Lindsay's best effort this spring was finishing second in the decathlon at the Mid-Continent championship. He scored 6297 points, just 62 behind the winning effort by John Place of Northern Iowa.

He's also the team's second best pole vaulter reaching a personal record 15-6 this spring which placed third in the league meet. Earlier in the season he won the EIU Relays with a 14-0 vault.

His best times/heights/distances in the decathlon are 11.3 in the 100, 20-6½ in the long jump, 33-4 in the shot put, 5-5 3/4 in the high jump, 53.4 in the 400, 16.6 in the 110 high hurdles, 97-10 3/4 in the discus, 14-6½ in the pole vault, 153-2 in the javelin and 4:37.7 in the 1500.

"I think the decathlon is where Tom has the most potential," says coach Neil Moore. "As a freshman he scored 5642 points and upped that over 600 points to 6297 . . . that's quite an improvement in one season.

"He can be an outstanding decathlete if he pays the price . . . and it's indeed a high price because it takes a lot of effort across the board.

"He went up from 14-0 to 15-6 in the pole vault so obviously does well in that event, and is fairly strong in the long jump plus he runs well but needs to work on the throwing events. I think he can crack 7000 with work," Moore said.